Allocation for Elementary Education and Mid-Day Meal Scheme

4086. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the budgetary allocations for the elementary education and mid-day meal scheme are inadequate considering the targets set on both counts;

(b) whether the incremental allocation of Rs. 3142.00 crores for the Integrated Child Development Scheme is not adequate to cover the required cost of universal coverage of 17 lakh habitations in the country; and

(c) whether against the existing 6.412 lakh anganwadis handling supplementary nutrition programmes, there is a need for 17 lakh anganwadis for universal coverage based on the existing norms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Requirements of Elementary Education including Mid-Day Meal programme for 2005-06 have been almost fully provided for.

(b) and (c) As on 31.12.2004, numbers of sanctioned and operational Anganwadis were 7.55 lakh and 6.99 lakh respectively. As per existing norms, requirement of additional anganwadis is 1.88 lakh.

Budget Estimate for 2005-06 for Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) is Rs. 3685.30 crore. Additional allocation, if required, would be sought at RE stage.

Primary and Upper Primary Urdu Education

4087. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that 85 per cent of Urdu-speaking population live in four States-Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra, but adequate facilities for imparting primary and upper primary Urdu education are not available there;

(b) if so, whether it is due to lack of financial resources, Urdu teachers and non-Urdu-inclusion curriculum; and

(c) the steps Government are taking so that adequate education for Urdu language and further upgradation of its standard is ensured?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) It is primarily the responsibility of State Governments to ensure that adequate facilities for imparting primary and upper primary Urdu education are available for the benefit of the Urdu speaking population. The Government of India, in the Ministry of Human Resource Development, implements a Central Scheme for appointment of language teachers, including Urdu teachers. Under this scheme financial assistance is provided on a normative basis to States and Union Territories for those blocks and districts where there is concentration of educationally backward minorities. Financial assistance under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) is also given to Madrasas and Maktabas.

Posting of women teachers

4088. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal that women teachers would not be posted in the boys school;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that a couple of States have opposed the proposal; and

(d) if so, names of such States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Survey of Elementary Stage of School System

4089. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: